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MEMORANDUM FOR:

Deputy Director (Intelligence

SUBJECT:

Afro-Asian Conference Developments

Communist propaganda regarding the Bandung conference has been intensified in the past week. Moscow, Peiping and Hanoi have all been utilizing a new theme which is to contrast the "peaceful purposes" of the Afro-Asian gathering with the Manila pact conference that is described as a "meeting of bloodthirsty, war-like pirates headed by Dulles."

Moscow also accuses the US of attempting to prevent the normal work of the Afro-Asian conference by encouraging such "lackeys" as Turkey, Thailand and the Philippines to attend and promote American interests. It is further alleged that the US fears that under-developed countries might become interested in economic aid from the Soviet Union or be "attracted" by the industrialization of Communist China.

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